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AS REQUESTED REFTEL, THE SECRETARY'S LETTER URGING SUPPORT FOR AN
OECD CONSENSUS ON AN ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT AT THE OECD
MINISTERIAL MEETING WAS SENT TO FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGE RALLIS.
WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM DEPUTY MINISTER
ZAIMIS, WHO WILL REPRESENT GREECE AT THE JUNE MINISTERIAL:

"DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR

I AM IN RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED MAY 19, 1978, BY
WHICH YOU KINDLY COMMUNICATE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER
MR. GEORGE RALLIS THE MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE
SECRETARY MR. CYRUS VANCE, CONCERNING THE NEGOTIATION ON AN
ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE OECD,
IN THE FORTHCOMING MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE ORGANIZATION.

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MY GOVERNMENT SHARING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN ON
THE MATTER, REITERATE THEIR WILL TO CONTRIBUTE TO COMBATTING
THE PRACTICES OF ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND DO NOT FIND IT
DIFFICULT TO SUPPORT ANY CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS TO BE PUT
FORWARD TO THIS END AND WHICH, IN MY GOVERNMENT'S VIEW SHOULD
FORM PART OF THE RULES WHICH WILL GOVERN THE ACTIVITIES OF
THE MULTI-NATIONAL COMPANIES.

AS TO THE PROPOSAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY TO CONVENE A
DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE IN 1979, TO REACH AN INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS, THERE WOULD EVIDENTLY BE NO
OBJECTION ON THE PART OF GREECE WHO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL
AS LONG AS IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION IN PARIS, NEXT
JUNE, THE QUESTION APPEARS TO BE RIPE TO BE DEBATED ON A
HIGHER INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. SINCERELY, A. ZAIMIS, UNDER-
SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS."

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